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# Srei celebrates 25 years of infrastructure innovation

**Kolkata, April 25, 2015: Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited**, one of India's largest integrated infrastructure institutions in the private sector, today celebrated 25 years of its glorious journey through a cultural extravaganza in the city of joy.

The occasion was graced by Shri. Jayant Sinha, Hon. Minister of State for Finance, Government of India, as Chief Guest who launched the coffee table book, Srei 25, in the presence of Hemant Kanoria, Chairman and Managing Director, Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited, Sunil Kanoria, Vice Chairman, Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited and Bollywood celebrity Dia Mirza.

Srei started its journey a quarter of a century ago with a dream to build India's infrastructure. At 25, it is still young and ambitious with a desire to build a better India through innovative infrastructure solutions.

Speaking on the occasion, **Hemant Kanoria** said, "We are celebrating our silver jubilee year of successful operations. We are celebrating with our partners, teams, bankers and all stakeholders this journey, which has created lakhs of jobs, and touched millions of people by all the infrastructure that has been created. The experience has been an exceptional mix of excellence and excitement. We now act as a catalyst for national transformation, instead of just being a beneficiary of economic growth. The next 25 years will see India's growth being driven by large investments in infrastructure sector. Srei is ideally poised to contribute and participate in this growth."

**Sunil Kanoria** added, "The first 25 years of Srei's life has been a journey rich in experience that has given us great knowledge and forged deep relationships with our stakeholders. Given the massive infrastructure requirements, there is a need for private investment in this sector. We are one of the few Indian companies that offer integrated infrastructure solutions. For us, the journey has just started."

The afternoon saw **Chetan Bhagat** engage in a chat show, **Infra Talk**, with **Shri. Jayant Sinha**, **Hemant Kanoria** and **Sunil Kanoria**, and discussed the outlook and challenges for the infrastructure industry.

The celebration was a starry affair beginning with **Bickram Ghosh** and his troupe. Traditional chau dancers and Manipuri drummers mesmerised the audience before Ghosh joined hands with **Pandit Vishwamohan Bhatt** to leave them speechless.



**Dia Mirza** and **Sanjay Mandal's troupe** provided further entertainment with amazing performances. Amidst all the hit performances, **Allahabad Bank**, **DEG (the German financial institution)**, **Larsen & Toubro Limited**, **GS Atwal & Co** and **five employees** were bestowed with **Srei Samman**.

**Dr. H.P. Kanoria, Chairman, Srei Foundation** delivered an inspiring speech, elaborating on the contribution of Srei to the growth and spiritual development of the nation and also the various CSR activities, which are closely entwined with the business activities.

**Pritam** concluded the evening with a super entertaining act that ensured the celebration came to a fulfilling end.

#### **About Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited:**

Formed in 1989, Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited is one of the largest private sector integrated infrastructure institutions in India. With a customer base of more than 30,000 and over Rs 34,700 crore of consolidated assets under management, the company is one of the most power players in the infrastructure space. Srei has been accorded the status of 'Infrastructure Finance Company' and 'Public Finance Company', and it is one of the few institutions that offer all possible infrastructure related services under one roof.

#### **Srei Milestones:**

- 1989 Started operations and identified infrastructure as the core sector.
- 1992 Initial Public Offering (IPO), listed on all major stock exchanges.
- 1997 IFC, FMO and DEG invested as strategic equity partners.
- 2002 Promoted India's first equipment bank Quippo.
- 2005 First Indian NBFI to get listed on the London Stock Exchange.
- 2008 JV with BNP Paribas Lease Group, creation of Srei Equipment Finance Limited (Srei BNP Paribas).
- 2009 Strategic partnership with Tata Group for passive telecom infrastructure business.
- 2010 Synergistic integration of Srei and Quippo to create fully integrated holistic infrastructure institution.
- 2011 Accorded 'Infrastructure Finance Company' and 'Public Finance Company' status.
- 2012 Received certificate of registration for mutual fund (Infrastructure Debt Fund) from SEBI.
- 2014 Received certificate of authorisation from RBI to set up, own and operate White Label ATMs.

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